

AS AMENDED

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLANDBILL NO. 80-17 (AS AMENDED)Introduced by Council Members Kreamer and SchaferLegislative Day No. 80-7 Date March 11, 1980

AN ACT to add new Article X, heading, Taxicabs, to Chapter 6, heading, Businesses, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for taxicab driver's permit; to provide for procedures relating to taxicab driver's permit; to provide for the inspection of taxicab vehicles; and to provide generally for the regulation of taxicab operations in Harford County.

By the Council, March 11, 1980

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 8, 1980at: 6:00 P.M.By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 8, 1980 and concluded on April 8, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford*
2 *County, Maryland*, that new Article X, heading, Taxicabs, be, and
3 is hereby added to Chapter 6, heading, Businesses, of the Harford
4 County Code, as amended; all to read as follows:

5 Chapter 6. Businesses.

6 Article X. Taxicabs.

7 Section 6-65. Driver's Permit - Required.

8 No person shall operate a taxicab in Harford County without
9 first obtaining a taxicab driver's permit issued from the Depart-
10 ment of Inspections, Licenses and Permits of the County.

11 Section 6-66. Qualifications/Applicant.

12 (a) An applicant for a taxicab driver's permit required,
13 pursuant to Section 6-65 of this Article, shall:

14 (1) Possess a valid State of Maryland driver's license.

15 (2) Not be addicted to the use of drugs or intoxicating
16 liquors.

17 (3) Be able to speak, read, and write the English
18 language enough to understand and complete the application.

19 (4) At the time of application, attach a record of
20 traffic violations, if any, from the Department of Motor Vehicles
21 of the State of Maryland.

22 (5) At the time of application, produce a statement
23 from a physician certifying to the applicant's physical condition,
24 cost of which is to be paid by the applicant.

25 (6) At the time of application, produce references
26 from two citizens of the State of Maryland who have known the
27 applicant personally for at least one year prior to filing of the
28 application. References from the applicant's immediate family or
29 the owner of the taxicab will not be accepted.

30 (7) Obtain from the Department of Inspections, Licenses
31 and Permits two black and white photographs; one shall be attached
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1 to the permit when issued and one shall be attached to the
2 application.

3 Section 6-67. Issuance of Driver's Permit.

4 Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the requirements of this
5 Article and the payment of proper fees, there shall be issued to
6 the applicant a permit which shall be in the form as the Depart-
7 ment of Inspections, Licenses and Permits shall direct. The
8 permit shall at all times be visibly displayed by the driver when
9 operating a taxicab. Any permittee who defaces, removes, or
10 obliterates any official entry made upon the permit shall be
11 cause to have the permit suspended or revoked.

12 Section 6-68. Renewal.

13 A taxicab driver's permit shall be renewed annually from the
14 first day of June.

15 Section 6-69. Grounds for Refusal or Revocation of Permit.

16 (a) The Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits is
17 hereby vested with the discretion to refuse a permit to any
18 applicant to drive a taxicab or after the issuance of a permit,
19 to revoke same for the following reasons:

20 (1) The applicant has been convicted of a crime
21 involving moral turpitude.

22 (2) The applicant has a physical or mental disability
23 that might render him unfit for the safe operation of a taxicab.

24 ~~(3) The applicant has more than four points on his~~
25 ~~driving record in any one year.~~

26 ~~(4)~~ (3) The applicant has been found to be addicted to
27 the use of alcohol or drugs, rendering him unfit for the safe
28 operation of a taxicab.

29 Section 6-70. Appeal.

30 Any applicant or a permittee who has been refused a permit,
31 or has had the permit revoked, or suspended by the Department of
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1 Inspections, Licenses and Permits shall have the right within ten
2 days after such action to appeal the decision to the Director of
3 Inspections, Licenses and Permits, who shall conduct a hearing
4 upon such an appeal and shall determine, modify, affirm or
5 reverse the decision.

6 Section 6-71. Fees.

7 (a) Appropriate fees shall be established by the Department
8 of Inspections, Licenses and Permits to sufficiently cover costs.

9 (b) The applicant shall be responsible to pay all fees
10 involved in the obtaining of a taxicab driver's permit of Harford
11 County. The County shall not reimburse any fees paid prior to
12 the obtaining of such permit in the event the driver or applicant
13 loses, or is not issued a permit.

14 Section 6-72. Inspection of Vehicles.

15 The owner of every vehicle that has been designated as a
16 taxicab shall have the vehicle inspected every six months. These
17 inspections shall be conducted by an inspection station licensed
18 by the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Maryland
19 State Police. The owner shall pay the prescribed fee for said
20 inspection. The vehicle may not be operated in Harford County as
21 a taxicab if it does not have certification that it is safe to
22 operate.

23 Section 6-73. Vehicle Identification.

24 The owner of a taxicab shall attach to the vehicle proper
25 identification that the vehicle is a taxicab. Such identification
26 shall include the name of the owner and vehicle number. The
27 identification shall be displayed on the side of both front doors
28 of the vehicle.

29 Section 6-74. Rates Charged by Owner.

30 The owner of every taxicab shall make available to any
31 person who requests the same, a current price list with the
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1 current rates charged by the owner.

2 Section 6-75. Compliance by Owner.

3 Every taxicab owner shall at all times comply with the
4 provisions of this Article and all laws and regulations applicable
5 to the operation of his business in the County.

6 Section 6-76. Applicability.

7 The provisions of this Article are applicable to any taxicab
8 which picks up any passenger in Harford County outside the corporate
9 limits of any municipality, including those licensed by any
10 municipality.

11 Section 6-77. Penalty.

12 (a) Any person violating any provision of this Article
13 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction
14 thereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand
15 dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than six months,
16 or both, in the discretion of the court.

17 (b) Each day any violation of any provision of this Article
18 continues shall constitute a separate offense.

19 (c) The suspension or revocation of any license, permit,
20 certificate or other privilege conferred by the County shall not
21 be regarded as a penalty for the purposes of this Code but shall
22 be in addition thereto.

23 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that this Act shall take
24 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

25 EFFECTIVE: July 14, 1980
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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 80-13 (May 13, 1980) (with amendments)

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By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 14th day of May, 1980
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Thomas Ferrante
County Executive
Date 5/14/80

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned
to the Council, becomes law on May 14, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Rec'd & Examined Aug 26, 1980 at 10:18 A.M.
HDC Liber 5 Folio 779 & examined per
H. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk, Harford Co.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 14, 1980